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To: Michelle P. Waiver Providers - Provider Type (33)

RE: Michelle P. Waiver Assessment Tool Pilot - Provider Letter # A-43

Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

The Michelle P. Waiver (MPW) Assessment Tool Pilot is a special project that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) will be starting in the next couple of months. This project will not impact any current MPW participant's eligibility or services. Additionally, the MPW Assessment Tool Pilot does not change any of the current processes for the MPW, and assessments will continue with the MAP-351 at this time.

Background

Providers, advocacy groups, and families have long been telling the CHFS that the assessment tool that determines eligibility for the MPW, the MAP-351, is not appropriate for applicants of all ages. Many stakeholders, including the Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Intellectual or Other Developmental Disabilities, have requested that the CHFS adopt a more validated tool that can be used for participants of all ages.

Purpose of the Pilot

The purpose of the MPW Assessment Tool Pilot is to gather information about the impact that a new assessment tool would have on the waiver. The CHFS will not be making a decision about changing the assessment tool solely based on the results of pilot. Rather, the pilot will be used to provide the CHFS with information about the MPW population.

Overview of the Pilot

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) will be conducting the MPW Assessment Tool Pilot with personnel trained in psychology. Approximately 330 current MPW participants will be randomly selected for the pilot from the central region of Kentucky. Any participant that is selected for the pilot has the option to decline the invitation to participate in the pilot. Participation in the pilot will not affect the participant's eligibility for the MPW. The assessment tool pilot does not replace the annual level of care assessment, and therefore, those in the pilot will still need to be assessed at their annual level of care date.



EKU will be using the Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) tool to conduct assessments on the pilot participants. Many other states use the ICAP tool to determine eligibility and have had great success with it. It is a validated tool that is appropriate for all ages, from infants to the elderly.

The CHFS is anticipating that the pilot will begin in March, 2016 and conclude in June, 2016. Participants who have been randomly selected for the pilot will be contacted by the CHFS in March.

If you have questions please contact Alisha Clark, Branch Manager at Alisha.Clark@ky.gov or 502-564-1647.

Sincerely,

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